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CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO COMPILE WARTIME HIKE RESTRICTIONS

To establish uniform wartime instructions for the use of Bay Region hikers and recreationists, the local members' clubs of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs had a joint meeting with the Tamalpais Conservation Club.

This central committee is composed of a representative each from the Sierra Club, the Berkeley Hikers Club, the California Alpine Club, the Contra Costa Hills Club, and the Triangle Club. The same individual representatives were also delegated a special committee of the Tamalpais Conservation Club.

Through this committee, contact is maintained with the Marin Municipal Water District, the California State Park office, the United States Army, the East Bay Regional Parks and other local authorities and private land owners so that each of the above clubs can be advised as quickly as possible as restrictions are placed or lifted on the local terrain.

Individual club members are urged to contact their own club officials or office for this current information. Yodeler will publish changes, when and as received.

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DESOLATION AHEAD

Advance interest indicates that the largest ski tour so far this season is about to take place - to Desolation Valley, the finest touring terrain near the Bay Region. Plans include a camp atop 9300 foot Ralston Peak Saturday night, Jan. 31, and an ascent of 10,200 foot Pyramid Peak on the route out Sunday.

Leaders of the trip are Dave Brower (Ash. 9010 during the day) and Raffi Bedayan (ORd. 2474). Skiers who are 3rd class (or reasonably close) may come. They should have their own skis, skins, sleeping bags, and rucksacks, and may make reservations for places in the assorted tents that will be set up on Ralston. Each carload will make up its own commissary. The leaders will be glad to suggest what to take. (Con'd Page 3)

SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE POPULAR But not too - - - - - - - -

So far there have been about 300 man-days' attendance at the Sierra Club ski mountaineering course sessions held in northern California. Three sessions have been held at Norden, and one each at Berkeley and San Francisco.

Calendar for course is:

Berkeley-Tues., 7:30 p.m. Willard Jr. Hi (Alex Hildebrand, Instructor)

San Francisco-Wed., 7:30 p.m. S.F. State (Alex Hildebrand, Instructor)

Stockton-Wed., 7:30 p.m. (Al Gerould, Inst.)

Norden-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

The course is given in seven lectures, topped off with tours to suit (one scheduled every week). Skiers may attend their seven at any of the four locations. Sections on Equipment, Food, and Travel have already been given. Avalanches, Travel, Camping, Map and Compass, First Aid are yet to be given.

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MANUAL OF SKI MOUNTAINEERING IN GALLEY STAGE

Goggle-eyed readers of the Yodeler who have been patiently waiting for the appearance from the University of California Press of the long needed manual on ski mountaineering may be cheered at the news that the first proof in galley form was just seen in the Sierra Club office.

Whip cracker and also Yodeleditor Barbara Norris promptly demanded a review for this issue but was informed by a so-called authority who was wading through its 35 pages of galley proof that he declined to put his personal endorsement or criticism on record until a very careful examination had been made of the product of Editor Dave Brower assisted by the eminent editorial committee of Lewis Clark, Alex Hildebrand, Dr. Joel Hildebrand, Richard Leonard, Einar Nilsson and Bestor Robinson.

All we can say at this time is that it is mighty good reading. Copies at $1.50 each may be obtained shortly (Cont'd on Page 2)

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TYPEWRITERS NEEDED

Yodel office limped along with a measly four typewriters last deadline night. Who has a typewriter we can borrow? Help the Yodeler-yeller by appearing, complete with typewriter at 1050 Mills Tower, Monday night, February 9. Your welcome will be effusive! If you or your typewriter can help, phone Harriet Myers, Skyline 4608.

KNOW YOUR COMMITTEES. III

THE CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE COMMITTEE

This committee, consisting essentially of representatives of interested groups, is responsible to the Board of Directors for the operation, maintenance and improvement of Clair Tappaan Lodge at Norden.

The original unit of the Lodge, conceived as a ski hut for Club members in the Bay Region was begun abuilding in June of 1934 by skiers and their friends under supervision of the Winter Sports Committee, vigorously chairmanned by Bestor Robinson. By December 31st of that year plans had grown to Lodge proportions and the structure was completed sufficiently for occupancy and dedication. Operation was put in charge of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee which had been created by the Board of Directors for that purpose. Lewis Clark was chosen as chairman. Other members were five persons designated by the Winter Sports Committee, four persons designated by the San Francisco Bay Chapter, one person by the Loma Prieta Chapter. Later the Mother Lode Chapter, when organized, had a representative. (cont. next column)

LITTER BOX

In a letter from Henry Meir, Building 24-9 U.S.Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Tex. "--I'd like to hear from some of the 'wild rock climbers' but I don't have their addresses.-- I don't want to lose touch with the club if I can help it -- it was one fine outfit and I never enjoyed any group more."

***Here's your chance, R.C.S.. Let Henry in on the latest.

THE CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE COMMITTEE (cont)

On the present committee, which continues this representative plan, are two members at large, each a former chapter representative who has been retained because of special services. Originally, under the volunteer co-operative plan, cooking and household duties were supervised by the weekly volunteer leader. The rapid development of skiing interest necessitated the expansion of facilities, so that now a staff of five employees is needed during the ski season to assist and co-ordinate the work of the club members who still participate on a co-operative basis in the functioning of the Lodge. As most Yodelreaders know, all improvements and additions to the Lodge have been made by unpaid volunteer labor. The employees consist of a custodian, cook, hostess, a reservation clerk and assistant. Accounts are kept by the Committee chairman who receives no salary.

Following is the personnel and representation of the present Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee:

Lewis F. Clair,	Chairman
Charlotte Mauk,	Secretary, &W.S.C.
Dick Burnley,	Winter Sports Com.
Einar Nilsson,	" " "
Bestor Robinson,	" " "
Glenn Weber,	" " "
Arthur Blake,	S.F. Bay Chapter
Laurence Burnley	" " "
Edgar Cerf	" " "
Violet Neuenburg	" " "
Hermann Horn	Loma Prieta Chapt.
Arthur Davey	Mother Lode Chapt.
Joe C. Staudinger	At Large.

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MANUAL SKI MOUNTAINEERING

--- from the University of California Press or the Sierra Club Office, 1050 Mills Tower, San Francisco

R.C.S.--GRIZZLY CAVES--January 18

PROMPTLY at 1 p.m. the ardent rock climbers began to assemble at Cragmont. By 1:20 enough had gathered to form two mighty teams for a violent game of ball without a ball. By 1:30 the leaders and the few ball players they could coax away, drove over to Grizzly Caves for the scheduled climb. By the time the register was passed there were 14 signing up. Plenty of ropes were also present, though if some of the young fry who went bowling instead had turned up, there would have had to be more gallery. What a view there is from Grizzly Caves! And what sun there was to warm us! And what wonderful handholds! And that ropedown practically on to the top of the Cyclotron House! Oh well, we had fun, no casualties, and pleasant climbing for all.

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THERESE KEHRLEIN BRIDE-ELECT

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kehrlein announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Therese, to Jack Pionteki, the wedding to take place next month.

The couple met two years ago on a mountain-climbing jaunt up Mt. Brewer. Both are expert in winter sports.

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Meeting place is Camp Sacramento, U.S. 50, at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, ready to go. The new constain-type lift may be ready to help the party up the first 500 feet of the Ralston climb.

Owing to a possible shortage of tents, the first to make reservations will secure the coveted places, able-bodied men preferred. Order now for a bunk in one of the new Home-on-the-Snow tents. Notify leaders by Thursday evening if you wish to go. The leaders reserve the right to pass on applicants.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM at REDDING SCHOOL

Back to School

The new hall at the Redding School proved a satisfactory place for the highly satisfactory program given on January 20. Sequoia National Park in winter and summer was revealed through fine films and slides. We think you'll like the new hall.

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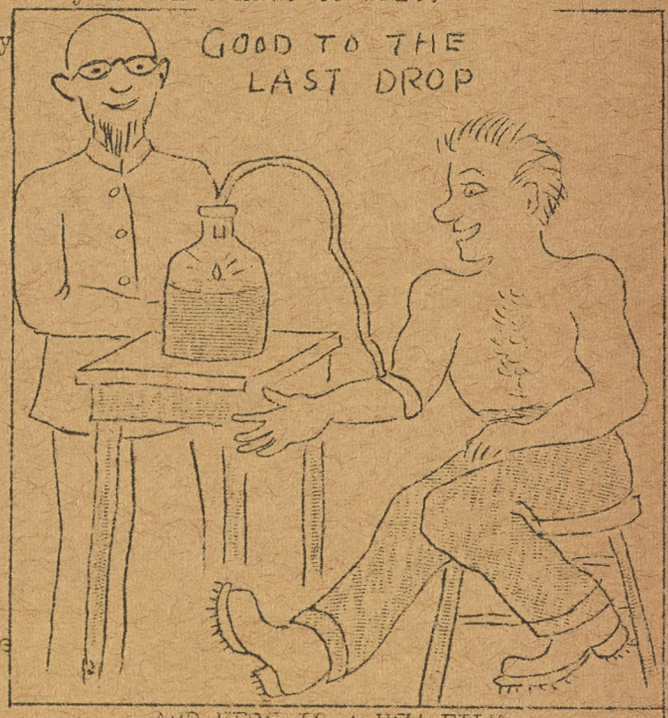
WE REPEAT -

Valentine-Jinx Dance, Febrary 13 California Club, 1750 Clay Street - Note: Change of Place.

CALLING ALL CORPUSCLES

And speaking of National Defense, how about some of you red-blooded Sierrans donating a bit of that valuable goo to the Blood Bank? It may come back worth sevenfold to you someday.

It's very simple--those of you who have already done it can vouch that it takes no more than 20 minutes, and you feel practically no different afterward. Phone WA. 5600 for appointment so you won't have to wait.



AND HERE IS A NEW FILM

A skiing film new to the coast which will be of interest to members has just been released here by one of our Eastern members: Mrs. Philip Dana Orcutt (Christine L. Reid) who took the film herself at Sunshine Ski Lodge in the Canadian Rockies.

Entitled: THE HANNES SCHNEIDER SKIING TECHNIQUE - this 3 reel - 1200 feet, 16 mm. instruction film shows all the turns of the skiing curriculum taken in both normal and slow motion, demonstrated by Benno Rybizka, Head Instructor at the Eastern Slope Ski School, in North Conway, New Hampshire, who was formerly assistant to Hannes Schneider at his world famous ski school in St. Anton am Arlberg.

For additional information, telephone or write: Mrs. Philip Dana Orcutt
C/O Grant Hotel
753 Bush Street,
San Francisco

SOME NOTES ON SKI FASHIONS
by Louise Klein

I imagine fashions in ski clothing in the future may resemble fashions in automobile tires - patches at the knees and retread fannies. The moral of that is that if you really need anything in the way of ski clothing or expect to need anything before we finish licking the Axis, you had better buy it today. Stocks are being depleted and there will be no more goods to buy when the present stocks are gone. The ideal course to pursue is to join the Ski Troops and get your clothes from Uncle Sam.

But don't give up skiing for the lack of the latest thing in apparel. Ski for national defense to keep yourself limber and in training and above all, learn Ski-Mountaineering. Enlist in one of the training courses being given in the Bay Area and also at Norden, even if you are a girl or are too young or too old to join the regular ski troops, for the more ski mountaineers there are of either sex or any age, the more the lore will be spread. (and the gore?)

You may think I have gone afield from the subject of ski fashions, but I have not, for I have been leading up to my main thesis, which is that ski clothes must be "functional" all the more so now that we are skiing for defense. That word "functional" has been kicked around too much by fashion editors and columnists, but it is still a good word. It means that ski clothing must be well adapted to the function for which it is designed or else to-(censored by Morals Committee) with it! In down-hill ski trousers, the legs must be wide, good and wide with a forward swing in front - no more the tight, narrow skimpy pants for which many would-be well-dressed feminine skiers still clamor. In order to achieve the necessary fullness of width in the leg of down-hill pants, if they are not to be bloused at the bottom, it is necessary to have pleats at the waist band.

Short jackets are almost extinct, the longer parka with elastic or drawstring at the waist keeps you very much warmer and drier around the middle. It can be worn with the tail out or tucked inside the pants.

As for boots, most skiers know by now that they don't buy a boot for appearance's sake. But I would like to issue one warning. Beware of boots that are too soft. Apparently, the coming leather shortage has tempted some leather manufacturers to cut down on the quality of leather used, particularly in the sole. I have seen boots lately whose soles could be twisted by hand though at sight the boot looks solid enough. It should be virtually impossible to twist the sole of a new boot with the bare hands.

Hand-knit ski sweaters are still ultra fashionable. They lend a note of real distinction since no two are exactly alike. The trend is toward more typical American patterns, instead of Austrian and Norwegian designs.

This same trend toward Americanized simplicity is noticeable in accessories.

FOR SALE!

7'1" Hickory Skis with Temperedge steel edges, A&T Zephyr bindings, A&T poles and Davis press. Total list price $40.15. Will sell for $20. Edward Koskinen, 140 - 20th Ave. S.F.

NEWS FLASHES!!

Attend the benefit ski meet at Soda Springs February 8, the proceeds will go toward the Examiner fund to "Buy a Bomber." There will be a slalom, downhill races and winter mountaineering demonstrations.

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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED?

In S.F. News, Jan 14 - under "Bay Area Hiking Clubs Announce Weekend Schedules"- Swim touring - Ostrander Lake Hut, Yosemite. Meet at Badger Pass Ranger Station, Saturday at 8 a.m. Leaders Bestor Robinson, Dick Leonard.

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HUNTING CYPRESS, MISTLETOE AND FUNGUS DISEASES IS SPORT

On the first year of the new year the writer took a short hike over a bit of territory which is weekly becoming more familiar to him. From San Geronimo one can still go to Fairfax over a fairly easy route through a rather interesting bit of country. Because of its love for serpentine rocks, Sargent's Cypress grows along almost the whole length of this ridge. Larry Armstrong's remarks about the abundance of mistletoe on the cypress on this ridge were the incentive for the trip. (Con'td on page 7)



SNOWBUNNY AT CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

Some fun! Climbing the white glistening snow stairs at midnight into the "sleeping" lodge. Bedroll under one arm, skis under the other, and a knapsack on the back. After prowling around, signing this and that, you climb some more stairs to a BUNK. You hit your head a few times on the bunk above which gets you into a semi-conscious state. Ah! at last you are tucked in. Footsteps keep echoing below - finally they die away and you sleep. BUT NOT FOR LONG - especially if you are in the quarters above the kitchen. Somewhere in the early a.m. there is suddenly a terrific racket and you wonder if you've landed in Dante's INFERNO. After a bit you realize it is just Mac and his helpers. With a sigh you get up and go down to eat sausages, scrambled eggs, toast and coffee--all this food supposedly to keep your feet on the ground. After breakfast comes a very interesting ritual. DOWN in the holiest of sanctums - the SKI ROOM - you wax your skis. It's a swell place to go if you're cold, BECAUSE you warm up your skis in front of a huge hot pipe before applying your favorite wax. With great zeal and earnestness wax is patted, massaged, rubbed, etc. on the bottom of your skis. Around ten o'clock you are ready to go outdoors and see what happens.



'Twas a beautiful sunny day and the snow on Pump House Hill was still somewhat hard. I KNOW 'cause I felt it. After spending the morning floundering around and finding out how many places you can hit - you decide to take a lesson in the afternoon. Instructor Peter Picard just loves beginners--calls all the girls Sweetie Pies. I tried to find out whether he meant Lemon Pie, Cherry, or just good Old Apple. Sometimes Peter makes you walk about two miles before he finds the proper slope for you to begin. Then for two hours you take turns at edging uphill and snowploving to the bottom (and I mean bottom). It's very humiliating to keep falling down. Once in a while you surprise yourself and remain upright.

On Saturday night after a steak dinner you sit around the fireside, BUT NOT FOR LONG.

The Folk Dancing begins. And then you work on the rest of your muscles.

At 10 o'clock comes the "lights out" call and off you wobble to bed. If you don't fall asleep right away - just bounce your head against the bunk above - once.

H. V. N.

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List made January 12, 1942
Date of election February 11, 1942.

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Henry B. Branagh.	Fred W.Woodward
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San Francisco	Walter J.Burpee
Beverly Payne	D.Hanson Grubb
Mill Valley	Betty Grubb
Earl Siren.	Dr. B. S.Herman
San Francisco	Leo Fast

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MOST COMMON ERROR DEPARTMENT

Yodelstaff members are joining in a crusade against runaway skis (either attached or unattached to skier). In addition to the usual plea for controlled skiing, they take every opportunity to urge ankle straps for all skis.

The "slope-dope" who dismisses with a shrug the recommendation in every authoritative equipment list, thinking, "oh, that's only for touring", is taking a chance on at least losing a good ski (have you ever seen the results of the collision of a ski with the trees at the foot of Signal Hill?). More serious is the danger of injury to the innocent bystander. A loose ski can gain tremendous momentum and make a fairly silent approach- a skier farther down the hill may become victim of another's carelessness.

On tour, the results of the separation of a skier from his ski are more likely to be dangerous than merely embarrassing. Ask anyone whose safety bindings have worked properly, some two or three thousand feet above the bottom of the canyon, if he was glad of ankle straps!

LOMA PRIETA PRATIN'S

Well, if you'd gone to Purissima Sunday, you might have seen Hildreth Kotsch leading her slightly bedraggled gang up Bald Knob. And then again, you wouldn't... on account of they didn't go up Bald Knob after all, as it would have been a little too bald under prevailing conditions... and it wasn't a gang, as only three and a half showed up (the half being a mongrel pup that evidently couldn't read the "No dogs allowed" rule in the schedule)... and they weren't slightly bedraggled--they were totally so. In fact, the trio who braved the elements and swam up and down the trails near Kings Mountain Inn--namely, Hildreth Kotsch, Earl Roberts, and Bert Gage--should deserve a medal or a badge, or anyway a good turkish towel for their stamina. Hear tell they met at Eddie's Grand View for lunch--was it?

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LATENT DEPARTMENT

Not only are we having to forego some of our best hiking spots (in deference to Defense, of course, so it's all right), but now we are also losing our Local Talks Chairman, Earl Roberts. Called into the Service and having to leave shortly, we hear he's been trying to hike, folk-dance, and ski in triple time lately to make up for lost time in advance, as witness the above.



"WHO'S HERE" DEPARTMENT

The last we heard of Dale Irons, he was in Hawaii making good use of the Radio Code training received last year at San Mateo Junior College.

And Elmo Robinson is writing some very fine book reviews for the Sunday Mercury Herald. San Jose subscribers please note and digest. D.M.

ADD-LIBELING

As a Sierran who thought he knew Dr. Joel Hildebrand, your Add-Libe-spondent just had a rude shock.

Like many others we believed that Dr. Hildebrand deposited his formulas in his desk at Gilman Hall each evening. Now the truth is out.

Witness this excerpt from his article, "The FIS Formula for Combining Downhill and Slalom Times", in the current issue of Western Ski Annual:

"The relative performance of A and B is best expressed by C_B/C_A, since the larger this ratio the greater the percentage advantage of A. We get from the above expressions, $C_B/C_A=(8D_L/D_A+5)/(8+5S_A/S_BO$."

See what we mean?

However, the Annual did not long leave this reader with such an impression. That Joel and his gang are regular fellars and mighty busy ones too is the theme of Mikkel Vehn's article, "The Skiing Hildebrands".

The Annual is chock full of other articles of interest, including two by Oliver Kehrlein.

Another recent arrival at the club is Mazama, with many interesting features, including Don Wood's "With Piton and *Karabiner in the Sierra". The magazine announces the Mazamas' 1942 outing in Kings Canyon National Park, "long the playground of the Sierra Club".

Now that we are regular subscribers to the Desert Magazine, we look forward eagerly to its monthly visit. Ruth Dyar Mendenhall's "Up the West Face of Kofa Mountain" features the February issue. Like Don Wood, she recounts some pretty tough going, but in Arizona, not the Sierr

As always, Glen Dawson is the Library's thoughtful friend. He says:

"Inasmuch as I receive the Yodeler without paying for it, I have decided to subscribe to the Southland Ski-View and when I am through with the issues I will send them on to you for the permanent reference library of the Sierra Club. The first four issues are being sent to you under separate cover. Incidentally this publication is a good example of the type of material that I think you should make a strong effort to secure preferably by gift, if not by gift, by exchange, and if not by exchange, by sending in a paid subscription. There is no time like the present to secure these contemporary ski publications." A.W.

*Yodeler innocent.

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

It was a manzanita-seeking walk with the C.C.H.C. that was scheduled for Sunday, January 18th, but it turned into a "fun with fungi" expedition instead. After the first toadstool was found, eager Hills Club and N.S.S. sought for more specimens as they hiked along the spongy trail leading out of Mill Valley.

Most of the fungi specimens found were in the redwood growth, as the moisture there made an extra-splendiferous habitat. Many were of a Chinese red hue, others were pink, ecru or egg-shell, and some were just plain yellow (nothing personal in this). Fungus growth in other forms were black, orange, white, and gray. Usually the specimens were grouped closely together, though now and then a lone mushroom served as an umbrella to the growth immediately surrounding its stalk.

Of manzanita, two were found in bloom--M. sensitiva in the region about the Mountain Home, and M. canescens on the serpentine near West Point. The latter species is very beautiful when in good flower, and conditions this year appear to be particularly favorable. Several bushes were found having colorful clumps of the pink urn-shaped flowers contrasting with the gray foliage and yellow-brown ground.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8: BIRDS--DUCKS, quite certainly--GEESE and SEABRANTS perhaps, depending on the transportation available. If there are enough cars, we will join the Audubon Society in their trip to Tomales Bay; otherwise an enjoyable day will be spent in the manzanita marshes. In any event, meet at Manzanita Station at 9:00 a.m. via 8:30 a.m. Mill Valley Bus starting from 5th and Mission, or by private car. For demands and offers of latter method of transportation, contact Dick Johnson at Lombard 6-5940. If enough cars are available, the party will reassemble at Point Rey Station at 10:00 a.m. Bring lunch, bird keys, binoculars, canteens, warm clothing, and more lunch.

Friday, February 20: Regular meeting. See next Yodeler for details.

NOTICE

SKI EQUIPMENT AT CLAIR TAPPAAN SINCE LAST WINTER, NOT CLAIMED BY JAN. 31 WEEK-END WILL DISAPPEAR. WRITE JORGI IMMEDIATELY IF YOU WANT YOURS SAVED. THE REST GOES TO THE ARMY.

CYPRESS AND MISTLETOE

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Leaving the Greyhound at San Geronimo, a sort of road, then a trail, then a fire trail leads one out onto the top of the ridge. In more protected places along the trail, the cypresses reach fairly large sizes in large groves. In between the groves are patches of manzanita, chamise, and chaparral pea--shrubs to be expected in the Tamalpais region. In the groves are dead and dying trees, trees scarred from past fires, soft beds of needles on the ground.

Growing throughout the groves, on young and old trees alike, is the Cypress Mistletoe. This is an interesting plant of characteristic mistletoe growth. The leaves, in contrast to t ose growing on other conifers, are like those of the Oak Mistletoe except that they are somewhat narrower. Even the Incense Cedar Mistletoe has scale-like leaves, and except for the flowers, one could not tell that the Juniper Mistletoe is more closely related to the Cypress Mistletoe than to the smaller Pine Mistletoes.

Most important find of the trip, however, was the fact that a number of fungus growths seem to like to inhabit the dead and dying portions of the trees. The red ring rot, characterized by a beautiful brown fruiting body, appears to account for as much death among the groves as does the occasional fire hazard. Branches of trees or twigs which have been broken off through wind injury or other mechanical injury are covered with a beautiful little red cup fungus. The red cups are scarcely more than one-eighth of an inch across, yet through their abundance they add a dash of color to the blackened needles. On the under side of still standing snags occur shining white spore-producing bodies of another root rotting fungus. Once in a while, one will find a stick covered with a little yellow tear mushroom which, with the warm sunshine, dries up to a hardly visible speck which, when moistened with fog, drizzle or rain or even tap water, is a large yellow blob of jelly-like substance.

On top of the ridge, at about 1500 feet, the cypresses grow to the heighth of three to five feet because of past fires and unfavorable winds. In the distance, the snow-covered Diablo is a good miniature of its big sister to the north--Mt. Shasta.

--Wm. Bridge Cooke



REDWOOD PEAK - January 18

Although the chartered bus had to be cancelled, the hike went on. Al Schmitz, leader, drove from Berkeley and picked up some passengers at Foster's--someone else helped out with another car--and 12 people finally were on their way to a delightful hike across the bay.

ELEVEN RAIN-CHASERS - January 25

West Point. Ray L'Esperance and Claire Winter, leaders, breakfasted with the group at Foster's and discussed the weather--weather it would or wouldn't. In Mill Valley it began to rain somewhat harder and continued all the way to West Point. Never have the streams, falls, and rivulets been in such turbulence--imagine having to leap over high rushing water on the Nora Trail! Rather wet and a bit uncomfortable, we entered West Point Inn--there to receive warm hospitality and the chance to dry out. After hot soup, coffee, some were ready for ping-pong, others for Chinese checkers. In a tense game, Frank Bradley won the game of Chinese checkers. Later, some of the eleven wound up at Ray L'Esperance's "Chateau" for dinner. He had prepared a most delicious soup (ask Portia--she had four bowls). Then Dixie and Helena went shopping for various viands and after a delectable meal there was exhilarating singing by a male trio--fascinating to discover how well Bob Tapscott could play the piano. This was really a SWELL WINDUP for a day in the rain.

H.V.N.

HIKING SCHEDULE -- IMPORTANT CHANGES!

Will you please destroy your present copy of the Sierra Club's Hiking Schedule ending February 22, 1942. In its place please substitute the following hikes:

February 1, 1942 - RATTLESNAKE CAMP: A different way. Meet for breakfast at Foster's, Sutter and Polk. Get bus at Van Ness and Sutter to Kentfield at 8:40 a.m. Follow leaders via Hoo-Koo-E-Koo, Throckmorton, and Troop 80 Trails to Rattlesnake Camp for lunch. Return via Bootjack and Dipsea to Mill Valley. Miles 12. Elevation 1800 feet. Fare one way to Kentfield 35¢. From Mill Valley, 30¢.
LEADERS: Ralph McColm, MIssion 0624
Miriam Symonds, BAview 8478

February 8, 1942 - BOOTJACK CAMP: Green are the hills and the moist brown earth is pungent and calling to all you sitters-by-the-fireside. Stick your poncho or rain coat in your knapsack. Hike via Cascade Drive and Fire Trail to Trestle, thence Matt Davis Trail to Bootjack Camp for lunch. Return via Temel-Pa Trail to Mill Valley. Miles 14. Elevation 1800 feet. Fare to Mill Valley 30¢ each way. Meet at Foster's, Sutter and Polk, 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Bus 8:35, Sutter & Van Ness.
LEADERS: Leslie Toby, OVerland 2436
Fred Toby, Ditto

February 15, 1942 - SUMMIT MEADOWS: If you have a yen to stretch your legs over the following hills in a good sized hike, try this little number. Leaving Mill Valley go via Cascade and Nora Trails to West Point, then by old State Road to Summit Meadows. Return via Dipsea Trail. Elevation 2000. Miles 12. Fare to Mill Valley .30¢ each way. Meet at Foster's, Sutter and Polk, 8:00 a.m., for breakfast. Bus at 8:35 a.m. Sutter and Van Ness.
LEADERS: Mary and Anson Burleigh, San Mateo 11267

February 22, 1942 - BOOTJACK CAMP: Maybe you'll need your poncho, and maybe you won't--but we are putting in an order for a bright sunny day. Meet for breakfast at Foster's, Sutter and Polk Streets, then take 8:40 a.m. Fairfax bus to Corte Madera. Follow Morningside, Blythedale, Hoo-Koo-E-Koo and Matt Davis trails to Bootjack Camp for lunch. Return under direction of leaders to Mill Valley. Miles 11. Elevation 1450 feet. Fare to Corte Madera 30¢; from Mill Valley 30¢.
LEADERS: Fred Wilke, EVergreen 1488
Howard Whitmore, SUtter 2125 (daytime)

-- A. E. Glenn, Chairman
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